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DPHSS Guidance Memorandum 2020-11 Rev 11 (Amendment 3)

RE: Additional Guidance Relative to Critical Service Workers Arriving into Guam Who are Not Fully Vaccinated with a US FDA EUA COVID-19 Vaccine

The purpose of this guidance is to provide additional protocols for Critical Service Workers (CSW) arriving in Guam who are not eligible for exemption from quarantine, as outlined in the Guam Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS) Guidance Memorandum 2020-11 Revision 11, as amended.

Based on Executive Order No. 2021-10, all incoming travelers who have been fully vaccinated with a U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) COVID-19 vaccine, upon verification, are not subject to quarantine at a government facility. CSWs who are not fully vaccinated with a US FDA EUA COVID-19 vaccine may qualify for quarantine at an approved rental lodging or personal residence with Restriction of Movement (ROM) guidelines allowing CSWs to report to work during their quarantine period. CSWs are required to present the following at the airport upon arrival: (1) an endorsement letter from an authorized DPHSS official and (2) an acceptable negative COVID-19 test result collected within 72 hours prior to arrival into Guam.

CSWs seeking ROM but do not present an endorsement letter from an authorized DPHSS official upon arrival shall be subject to the following requirements:

- 1. Must go directly from the port of entry to the Government of Guam Quarantine Facility (QFAC);
- 2. Must request CSW status at the QFAC; and,
- 3. Must agree to receive a COVID-19 test no later than 48 hours.
 - a. In the event an individual receives a **positive COVID-19 test result**, the individual will be subject to isolation protocols established by DPHSS and will be isolated at a Government of Guam Isolation Facility.
 - b. If the individual receives a negative COVID-19 test result:
 - i. The individual may finish the remaining 10-day quarantine period at an approved rental lodging or personal residence under ROM;
 - ii. The CSW may only leave the quarantine location for work and medical emergencies or approved medical appointments;
 - iii. Individual must adhere to symptom monitoring by DPHSS; and
 - iv. Must report any signs or symptoms of COVID-19 to DPHSS monitoring staff, and immediately stop working and isolate if they become

symptomatic.

CSWs seeking ROM who present an endorsement letter from an authorized DPHSS official but do not present an acceptable negative COVID-19 test result upon arrival:

- 1. Must go directly from the port of entry to the QFAC; and
- 2. Must agree to receive a COVID-19 test no later than 24 hours.
 - a. In the event an individual receives a **positive COVID-19 test result**, the individual will be subject to isolation protocols established by DPHSS and will be isolated at a Government of Guam Isolation Facility.
 - b. If the individual receives a negative COVID-19 test result:
 - i. The individual may finish the remaining 10-day quarantine period at an approved rental lodging or personal residence under ROM;
 - ii. The CSW may only leave the quarantine location for work and medical emergencies or approved medical appointments;
 - iii. Individual must adhere to symptom monitoring by DPHSS; and
 - iv. Must report any signs or symptoms of COVID-19 to DPHSS monitoring staff, and immediately stop working and isolate if they become symptomatic.

Critical Service Workers must adhere to the following requirements:

- 1. Must sign a Voluntary Quarantine Acknowledgement form;
- 2. Must provide:
 - a. Their quarantine location address;
 - b. A working phone number where they may be contacted;
 - c. The employer's name and location where the CSW will be working at; and
 - d. A working email address;
- 3. May <u>only</u> leave the quarantine location for work and medical emergencies or approved medical appointments;
- 4. Must adhere to symptom monitoring;
- 5. Must report any signs or symptoms of COVID-19 to the Guam Department of Public Health and Social Services or, if the individual is a healthcare provider, report any signs or symptoms of COVID-19 to their healthcare organization's infection control staff, and immediately stop working and isolate if they become symptomatic; and
- 6. May elect to quarantine at the Government of Guam Quarantine Facility alongside spouse and dependents (in the event they are sent to the Government Facility). If electing to quarantine at the Government of Guam Quarantine Facility, CSW will not be allowed to leave for work.

The CSW has the option to test on day 6 after arrival to qualify for an abbreviated quarantine period. DPHSS will contact the CSW to arrange for testing. Negative test results allow the CSW to end their quarantine period. Upon DPHSS' receipt of negative results, the CSW will be notified within 24 to 48 hours that the quarantine period has ended. In the event an individual receives a **positive COVID-19 test result**, the individual will be subject to isolation protocols established by DPHSS.

Persons seeking CSW status based on affiliation with DoD operations must obtain an exception to applicable DoD quarantine policies in coordination with cognizant military authorities. Subcontractors for DoD-affiliated projects should work with the DoD prime contractor to submit requests for an exception through the Naval Base Guam Emergency Operations Center or the Andersen Air Force Base Joint Reception Team.

Currently there are two types of diagnostic tests accepted by the DPHSS that detect SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19): molecular test, such as RT-PCR tests, that detect the virus's genetic material, and antigen tests that detect specific proteins on the surface of the virus. These tests help to identify whether individuals are currently infected with the coronavirus. In each case, the individual's specimen must have been collected within 72 hours prior to arrival in Guam. At a minimum, test results must include patient name, date of birth, specimen collection date, and the type of test run.

Individuals departing by air or sea during their quarantine period will be permitted to leave the Government of Guam Quarantine Facility to transit off Guam if they provide verifiable departure information. Transportation will be provided from the Government of Guam Quarantine Facility to A.B. Won Pat Guam International Airport for those traveling by air. However, transportation for individuals departing by sea will be the responsibility of the vessel agent/employer.

Requests for CSW exemption status must be submitted to the DPHSS website at **dphss.guam.gov/quarantine**. Requests will be reviewed by an authorized DPHSS official and subject to approval on a case-by-case basis. The CSW will be required to provide supporting documentation for verification of the circumstances.

This Order shall enter into effect on June 11, 2021 and shall remain in effect until (1) the expiration of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency, or (2) I rescind or modify this Order based on specific public health or other considerations.

Please join us in keeping our people and community healthy and safe.

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